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Labour Force Survey: Special Report

LABOUR FORCE STATUS - STATISTICAL REGIONS

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This special report contains original (unadjusted) estimates of employed persons and unemployed persons for Statistical Regions by State. The estimates are from the ABS Labour Force Survey, and are drawn from a representative sample of over 34,000 dwellings. These series have shown historically a high degree of variability which is inherent in data about smaller labour markets.

The Labour Force Survey is designed primarily to produce reliable National and State estimates. While estimates for Statistical Regions are components of corresponding estimates at the State level, there are no independent population benchmarks at the Statistical Region level. Therefore, Statistical Region estimates will add to the State total, but the individual Statistical Regions will show less stability for any estimate than for a similar estimate at the State level. In addition, estimates (particularly estimates of unemployment) are considerably smaller and are subject to higher relative standard errors.

Care should therefore be taken in the interpretation of regional estimates particularly in the month to month movements.

Standard Errors

Standard errors of the original estimates in this report for the States and Australia can be determined by using the methods described in the Technical Notes in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). Statistical Region standard errors are available upon request from Sylvia Sajler on (06) 252 6525 or from any ABS State office. Very small estimates are subject to high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) which can detract seriously from their value for most general uses. Where estimates and percentages have relative standard errors greater than 25%, they have been identified by an asterisk (e.g. *1.0) to indicate that they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

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- *about these statistics and the availability of related unpublished statistics* - contact Sylvia Sajler on Canberra (06) 252 6525

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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS BY SEX, MARCH 1996

	Males				Fem				Persons			
	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate
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NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,582.8	150.9	8.7	72.8	1,213.7	105.5	8.0	53.5	2,796.6	256.4	8.4	63.0
Sydney Major SR	1,018.2	87.7	7.9	74.6	791.0	61.0	7.2	55.2	1,809.1	148.8	7.6	64.7
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs	115.3	7.0	5.7	72.0	95.4	8.3	8.0	60.6	210.7	15.3	6.8	66.3
Inner Sydney SR	71.0	5.8	7.5	73.9	64.0	5.9	8.4	65.5	135.0	11.7	8.0	69.7
Eastern Suburbs SR	66.2	4.9	6.9	74.7	54.9	3.3	5.7	59.7	121.1	8.2	6.4	67.1
St. George-Sutherland SR	120.3	5.5	4.3	73.3	91.5	4.8	5.0	55.6	211.8	10.3	4.6	64.4
Canterbury-Bankstown SR	72.6	11.7	13.9	70.9	54.0	4.9	8.3	46.9	126.6	16.6	11.6	58.5
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney SRs	137.8	18.1	11.6	76.0	90.5	14.4	13.7	51.9	228.3	32.5	12.4	64.0
Fairfield-Liverpool SR	76.5	14.1	15.6	74.9	49.0	10.6	17.7	49.4	125.4	24.7	16.4	62.2
Central Western Sydney SR	55.9	9.5	14.5	70.5	38.8	4.7	10.9	47.8	94.7	14.2	13.0	59.3
Outer Western Sydney SR	76.3	4.5	5.6	78.5	60.7	4.5	6.9	59.3	137.0	9.0	6.2	68.6
Blacktown-Baulkham Hills SR	101.6	10.5	9.3	80.9	75.9	5.8	7.2	58.5	177.5	16.3	8.4	69.7
Lower Northern Sydney SR	74.3	* 4.4	* 5.6	76.9	66.5	* 0.5	* 0.8	58.1	140.9	4.9	3.4	66.9
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR	71.1	* 3.4	* 4.6	77.3	55.9	* 2.7	* 4.6	56.6	127.0	6.1	4.6	66.6
Northern Beaches SR	64.2	* 1.3	* 1.9	78.5	56.2	2.4	4.1	55.8	120.4	3.7	2.9	65.9
Gosford-Wyong SR	62.5	7.2	10.3	66.2	50.8	4.6	8.4	50.0	113.2	11.8	9.4	57.9
Balance of New South Wales Major SR	564.7	63.2	10.1	69.9	422.8	44.4	9.5	50.8	987.4	107.6	9.8	60.3
Hunter SR	121.9	15.4	11.2	65.7	90.6	13.6	13.1	48.9	212.5	29.0	12.0	57.2
Newcastle SR Sector	100.0	14.0	12.3	63.8	74.0	11.9	13.8	46.7	174.0	25.9	13.0	55.2
Illawarra and South Eastern SRs	145.4	16.2	10.0	70.6	107.1	12.1	10.1	49.2	252.5	28.3	10.1	59.6
Illawarra Statistical Region	95.2	11.7	10.9	68.5	67.3	7.8	10.4	45.6	162.5	19.5	10.7	56.8
Wollongong SR Sector	73.0	7.7	9.5	69.6	47.5	5.7	10.7	44.9	120.5	13.4	10.0	57.1
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs	95.8	15.0	13.5	63.7	77.9	8.2	9.5	47.9	173.7	23.2	11.8	55.7
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West SRs	125.6	11.1	8.1	77.0	94.0	6.4	6.3	56.4	219.6	17.5	7.4	66.7
Murray-Murrumbidgee SR	72.5	5.5	7.0	75.9	50.3	* 4.2	* 7.7	55.1	122.8	9.6	7.3	65.7

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VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,169.7	115.4	9.0	73.4	892.0	87.0	8.9	53.6	2,061.7	202.4	8.9	63.3
Melbourne Major SR	843.6	87.7	9.4	73.9	659.5	63.1	8.7	54.7	1,503.1	150.8	9.1	64.0
North Western Melbourne SR	69.4	6.3	8.3	77.8	56.3	6.7	10.6	58.6	125.7	13.0	9.4	67.7
Outer Western Melbourne SR	121.7	20.9	14.6	72.6	93.2	12.0	11.4	52.5	214.9	32.9	13.3	62.5
Inner Melbourne SR	56.2	8.5	13.2	69.0	49.2	4.6	8.6	57.9	105.4	13.2	11.1	63.5
North Eastern Melbourne SR	105.8	12.6	10.6	74.7	81.2	9.7	10.7	54.4	186.9	22.2	10.6	64.3
Inner Eastern Melbourne SR	112.2	11.8	9.5	73.9	99.0	7.0	6.6	54.3	211.3	18.7	8.1	63.4
Southern Melbourne SR	95.7	4.6	4.6	71.4	81.1	5.4	6.2	55.7	176.8	9.9	5.3	63.1
Outer Eastern Melbourne SR	139.0	7.6	5.2	79.6	98.7	6.7	6.4	55.4	237.7	14.3	5.7	67.3
South Eastern Melbourne SR	96.6	9.0	8.6	76.4	67.1	7.0	9.4	56.8	163.7	16.0	8.9	66.9
Mornington Peninsula SR	47.0	6.5	12.1	63.7	33.7	4.0	10.7	45.2	80.8	10.5	11.5	54.5
Balance of Victoria Major SR	326.1	27.7	7.8	72.0	232.6	23.9	9.3	50.8	558.6	51.6	8.5	61.2
Barwon-Western District SR	93.8	6.5	6.5	73.5	67.4	8.3	11.0	53.5	161.2	14.9	8.4	63.4
Central Highlands-Wimmera SR	48.6	* 4.5	* 8.4	70.2	37.0	* 2.9	* 7.3	49.6	85.6	7.4	7.9	59.6
Loddon-Campaspe-Mallee SR	62.3	7.4	10.6	71.5	38.0	4.3	10.1	43.6	100.4	11.7	10.4	57.6
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray SR	66.2	5.2	7.3	73.9	53.6	* 3.2	* 5.7	59.4	119.8	8.4	6.6	66.7
All Gippsland SR	55.1	* 4.1	* 6.9	69.6	36.6	5.2	12.4	46.1	91.7	9.3	9.2	57.5
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	872.0	94.9	9.8	75.2	642.2	68.0	9.6	54.2	1,514.1	163.0	9.7	64.6
Brisbane Major SR	403.6	44.2	9.9	76.8	316.6	27.5	8.0	56.7	720.3	71.7	9.0	66.5
Brisbane City Inner Ring SR	96.4	9.8	9.3	74.4	80.1	4.9	5.8	56.3	176.4	14.7	7.7	65.1
Brisbane City Outer Ring SR	116.3	11.5	9.0	75.3	103.9	6.8	6.1	57.8	220.3	18.3	7.7	66.0
South and East BSD Balance SR	79.9	7.8	8.9	81.0	54.4	5.3	8.8	57.2	134.3	13.1	8.9	69.4
North and West BSD Balance SR	111.0	15.0	11.9	77.8	78.3	10.6	11.9	55.3	189.3	25.6	11.9	66.6
Balance of Queensland Major SR	468.4	50.7	9.8	73.9	325.5	40.5	11.1	52.1	793.9	91.3	10.3	63.0
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	91.6	9.2	9.1	72.5	72.5	5.2	6.7	54.8	164.1	14.4	8.0	63.5
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	57.5	6.8	10.6	67.7	44.8	4.8	9.8	46.0	102.4	11.7	10.2	56.2
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	56.0	12.3	18.0	70.8	34.9	6.9	16.4	46.4	90.9	19.2	17.4	59.0
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	65.5	4.2	6.1	76.2	39.4	3.0	7.2	47.9	104.9	7.3	6.5	62.3
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	86.0	7.0	7.6	75.9	53.5	9.4	15.0	53.3	139.5	16.5	10.6	64.8
Northern-North West Statistical Region	56.7	6.7	10.6	77.2	37.1	6.0	13.9	54.3	93.9	12.7	11.9	65.9
Far North Statistical Region	55.0	4.5	7.5	78.5	43.3	5.2	10.7	63.7	98.3	9.7	9.0	71.1

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	370.5	42.0	10.2	71.5	287.6	27.0	8.6	52.6	658.1	69.0	9.5	61.9
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	265.8	34.0	11.3	70.6	214.6	20.9	8.9	52.4	480.3	54.9	10.3	61.2
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	85.3	12.5	12.7	76.7	68.1	6.0	8.1	55.1	153.4	18.5	10.7	65.6
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	45.9	8.0	14.9	63.8	36.7	4.2	10.3	47.9	82.6	12.2	12.9	55.8
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	52.9	4.8	8.4	67.0	45.0	4.7	9.5	51.1	97.8	9.6	8.9	58.6
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	81.7	8.7	9.6	71.5	64.8	6.0	8.5	53.5	146.5	14.7	9.1	62.3
Balance of South Australia Major SR	104.7	8.0	7.1	74.0	73.1	6.1	7.7	53.4	177.8	14.1	7.3	63.9
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	40.1	4.4	9.9	74.1	27.6	2.6	8.5	53.0	67.6	7.0	9.3	63.8
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	64.6	3.6	5.3	74.0	45.5	3.5	7.1	53.7	110.1	7.1	6.1	63.9
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	475.1	44.0	8.5	76.5	356.2	30.0	7.8	56.4	831.3	74.0	8.2	66.4
Perth Major Statistical Region	338.1	32.3	8.7	75.1	262.3	23.0	8.1	55.4	600.4	55.3	8.4	65.0
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	38.8	4.2	9.9	67.7	27.2	2.4	8.1	48.6	66.0	6.7	9.2	58.3
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	54.3	3.5	6.1	76.6	42.0	2.2	5.0	58.0	96.3	5.8	5.6	67.2
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	102.2	11.3	10.0	76.6	79.5	7.7	8.8	55.9	181.7	19.0	9.5	66.0
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	68.2	6.3	8.5	75.4	53.7	4.2	7.3	53.0	121.9	10.5	8.0	63.6
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	74.6	6.8	8.4	75.9	59.9	6.4	9.7	58.9	134.5	13.3	9.0	67.2
Balance of Western Australia Major SR	137.0	11.7	7.9	80.4	93.9	7.0	6.9	59.6	230.8	18.7	7.5	70.4
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	67.8	7.7	10.2	75.9	47.7	5.0	9.4	55.3	115.6	12.6	9.9	65.8
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	69.1	4.0	5.5	85.5	46.1	* 2.0	* 4.2	65.2	115.3	6.0	5.0	76.1
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	116.0	14.5	11.1	72.1	85.7	8.9	9.4	50.5	201.6	23.4	10.4	61.1
Greater Hobart-Southern SR Sector	57.3	6.9	10.8	72.0	44.2	3.8	7.9	51.2	101.5	10.7	9.6	61.3
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	47.7	5.6	10.5	72.0	37.9	3.3	7.9	52.4	85.6	8.9	9.4	61.9
Northern Statistical Region Sector	31.4	4.7	13.0	72.3	25.1	2.7	9.7	53.9	56.4	7.4	11.5	62.9
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	27.3	2.9	9.7	71.9	16.4	2.4	12.9	44.8	43.7	5.3	10.9	58.4
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	45.7	3.6	7.3	77.7	37.8	3.5	8.5	66.8	83.5	7.1	7.9	72.3
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	83.3	8.7	9.5	81.0	72.5	6.9	8.7	67.2	155.8	15.7	9.1	73.9
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	4,715.0	474.1	9.1	73.8	3,587.7	336.9	8.6	54.1	8,302.7	810.9	8.9	63.8

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